

## CLAIMS

1. A method for producing cylindrical vacuum panels comprising the steps of:
  - producing a planar vacuum panel according to any known procedure; and
  - curving the panel through calendering.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein said calendering operation is carried out by passing the planar vacuum panel between at least two rollers (2, 3) and a third element of length equal at least to that of the rollers and placed parallel to said two rollers.
3. A method according to claim 2 wherein said third element is a third roller (4).
4. A method according to claim 1 wherein said planar vacuum panel comprises, as filling material, rigid polyurethane foam, and has a thickness lower than 20 mm.
5. A method according to claim 4 wherein said panel has a thickness comprised between 8 and 15 mm.
6. A method according to claim 1 wherein said planar vacuum panel comprises, as filling material, silica powder, and has a thickness comprised between about 5 and 20 mm.
7. A method according to claim 2 wherein the position of said third element is continuously modified during the calendering operation.
8. A method according to claim 1 wherein said calendering operation is carried out simultaneously on the planar panel and on at least a layer of an adhesive polymeric foam placed on at least one surface of the panel.
9. A cylindrical vacuum panel (5) obtained according to the method of claim 1.
10. A cylindrical vacuum panel with at least a layer of an adhesive polymeric foam adhering to at least one surface of the panel, obtained according to the method of claim 8.
11. A cylindrical vacuum panel with non circular curving base obtained according the method of claim 7.